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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Anthony F. MENNINGER, et al.
Title: SYSTEM, METHOD AND COMPUTER PROGRAM
PRODUCT FOR ORDER CONFIRMATION IN A
SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated March 2,
2004, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

A two month extension of time is filed concurrently herewith to make the
response timely.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121, please substitute for original claims 1,
7 and 13 the following rewritten versions of the same claims, as amended. The
changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Marked Up Version Showing
Changes Made."

Please amend the following claims.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for ~~order confirmation in an independent~~
supply chain management system generating alerts for the purpose of managing a